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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kovesdi et al.

Application No. 09/964,065

Filed: September 26, 2001

For:

COMPLEMENTARY ADENOVIRAL

VECTOR SYSTEMS AND CELL

LINES

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Box AF Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 14, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with:

REPLICATION-DEFICIENT ADENOVIRAL VECTOR AND PLASMID WITH ADENOVIRAL COMPONENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace existing claim 48 with the following:

48. (Twice Amended) A defective recombinant adenovirus that (a) requires, for replication, complementation in trans of one or more essential gene functions of an E1 region and an E4 region of an adenovirus genome, and (b) comprises an adenoviral genome wherein all or part of the E1 region and the whole of the E4 region, and optionally all or part of an E3 region, is deleted from the adenoviral genome.

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